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From: Easterling, Deborah
Sent: Wednesday, October 07, 2015 11:27 AM
To: 'Rachel OBrien'
Subject: RE: Duke Energy's proposed transmission line

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Dear Ms. O'Brien,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your email to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Your email will become a part of ND-2015-20-E - Duke Energy Carolinas: Foothills Transmission and Substation Project- 45-Mile Transmission Line Between Asheville, NC, Power Plant and New Substation Near Campobello, SC, and Docket No. 2015-305-E - Background Information Relevant to the Commission's August 27, 2015, Public Hearing on Duke Energy's Foothills Transmission and Substation Project - 45-Mile Transmission Line between Asheville, N.C., Power Plant and New Substation Near Campobello, S.C. and Information Stating That the Company Intends to File, in Late 2015 or Early 2016, an Application under the Utility Facility Siting and Environmental Protection Act (See Also ND-2015-20-E for Public Comments and Other Relevant Information) will be posted on our website under these dockets.

Please let me know if you should require any additional information.

Sincerely,

Deborah Easterling
Administrative Coordinator

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From: Rachel OBrien [mailto:]
Sent: Sunday, October 04, 2015 11:45 AM
To: PSC_Contact; Hall, Nikki; Fleming, Lib
Subject: Duke Energy's proposed transmission line

October 4, 2015

RE: Duke Energy's transmission line – So Many Questions and No Few Answers.

Dear Members of the SC Public Service Commission,

I respectfully request that you find the truthful answers to the following questions before you make your final decision about the necessity for Duke Energy's proposed transmission line:

1. Why does Duke say demand for energy in this area is increasing when the evidence shows that demand is flat?
2. Why is the proposed Asheville gas plant twice the size of the coal plants being closed?
3. Why won't Duke consider the 380-megawatts hydroelectric power sources that are on the market right now?
4. Why isn't solar energy a significant part of this project?
5. Why is Duke ignoring the advice of its own former president on energy efficiency?
6. Why did Duke not disclose the project in its September 2014 report to the South Carolina Public Service Commission even though they knew about it at that time?

7. Why did Duke purchase the substation site in Campobello through a subsidiary named TBP Properties LLC?
8. Why did Duke pay twice the fair market value of the substation site?
9. How much of the power produced by this project will be sold outside the Carolinas?
10. Why are we ratepayers responsible for a guaranteed 10% annual rate of return to Duke as a result of this project?
11. Why should this project cause so much economic and physical harm but provide so little benefit to the Carolinas?

Thank you for your consideration in this very important matter.

Sincerely,

Rachel O'Brien
Landrum, SC